

$\Lambda(1520)$ production in proton-proton and proton-nucleus collisions with HADES

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Hyperon program @ HADES

Strangeness production in $\pi p/p\bar{p}$, pA and HI collisions up to $AuAu$ is a significant part of HADES Physics Program ([see, talk by M. Lorentz](#)).

- Inclusive $\Lambda(1116)$ production, polarization and p- Λ correlations in pp/pNb

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- Inclusive $\Lambda(1116)$ and Σ^0 production in pNb@3.5 GeV

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- Exclusive $\Sigma(1385)^+$ production in pp@3.5 GeV

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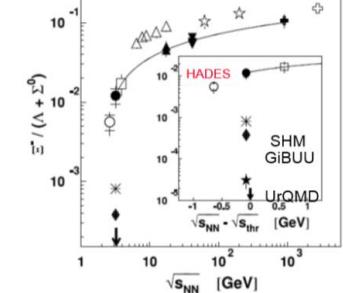
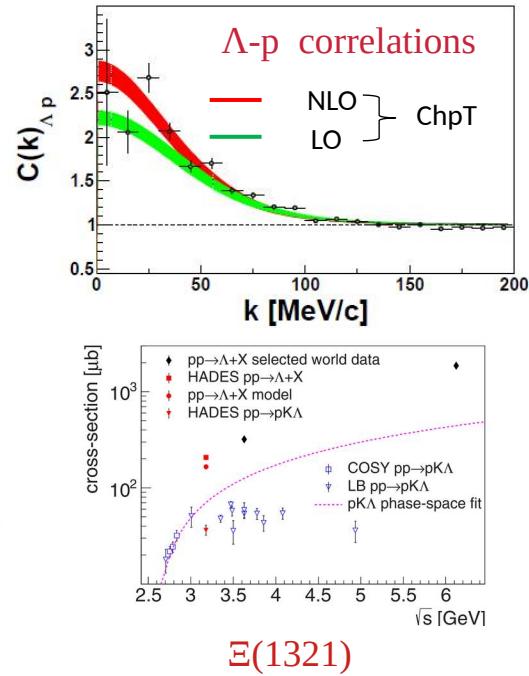
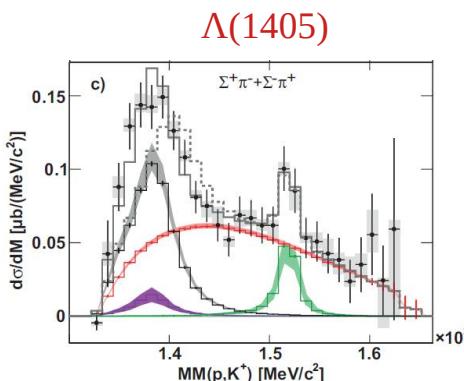
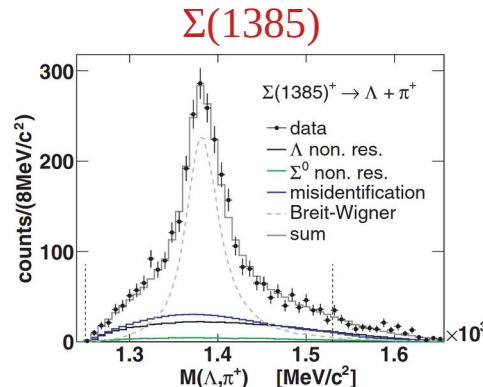
- Exclusive $\Lambda(1405)$ production and line shape measurement in pp

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- A Ξ production in pA

Phys. Rev. Lett. 114 (2015) 212301; *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 103, 132301 (2009)

The program will be continued with new experiment pp@4.5 GeV (2022)



Hyperon radiative & Dalitz decays

1) Sensitive probe of photon-baryon coupling ([see talk by W. Przygoda, on HADES data for non-strange baryons](#))

- a) Does Vector Meson Dominance works for baryon transitions?
- b) What is a role of pion cloud ([see talk of G. Ramahlo](#))?

2) Radiative decays widths (keV) are sensitive to internal structure

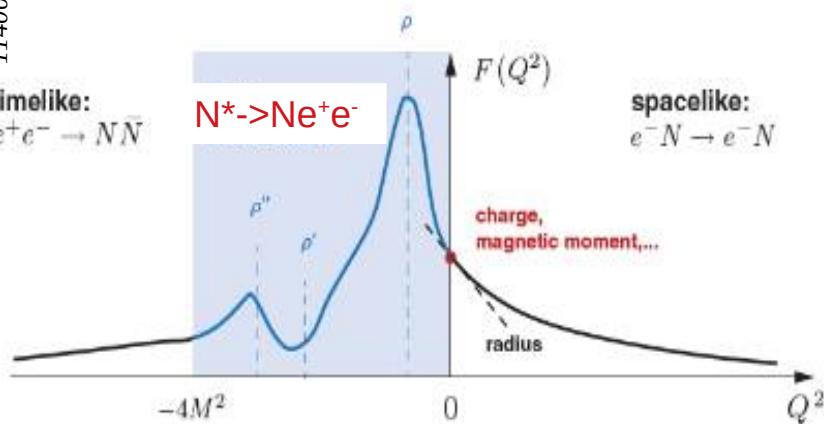
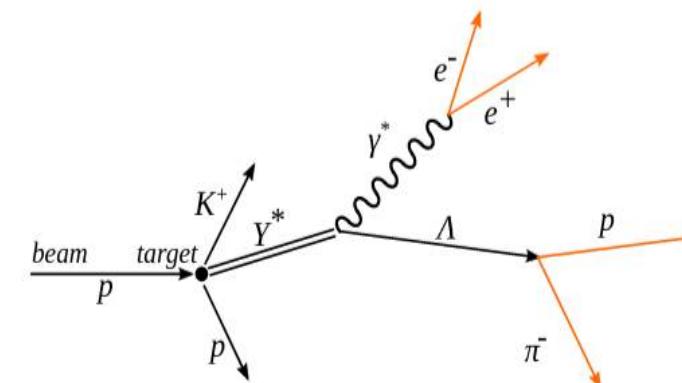
$B_i \rightarrow B_f + \gamma$	χQM	NRQM	RCQM [5]	BonnCQM [6]	MIT Bag [3]	Chiral Bag [7]
$\Lambda_{1405} \rightarrow \Lambda_{1116} + \gamma$	168	200 [3], 143 [4]	118	912	60, 17	75
$\Lambda_{1405} \rightarrow \Sigma^0_{1193} + \gamma$	103	72 [3], 91 [4]	46	233	18, 2.7	1.9
$\Lambda_{1520} \rightarrow \Lambda_{1116} + \gamma$	134	156 [3], 96 [4]	215	258	46	32
$\Sigma^{*,0} \rightarrow \Lambda + \gamma$	234	273 [3], 232 [4]	267		152	

2) Hyperon transitions : i.e $\Lambda(1520)/\Sigma(1385) \rightarrow \Lambda(1116)e^+e^-$ are ideal probes to measure FF in time-like region (states are narrow !)

BUT BR are low $\Lambda(1520) \rightarrow \Lambda(1116) e^+e^- = 3.9 \cdot 10^{-5}$

AND cross sections for production in pp ARE NOT KNOWN at $E \sim$ few GeV region (HADES)

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Hyperons in nuclear medium: $\Lambda(1520)$ case

$\Lambda(1520)$ structure is controversially discussed:

- Excited quark state (see previous slide)
- Baryon – meson molecule : “ $\Lambda(1520)$ ” is a dynamically generated state resulting from decouplet baryon x meson interaction (S.Sarkar, E. Oset, J. Vacas
“Baryonic resonances from baryon decuplet-meson octet interaction”)

Important implication for in-medium properties of : $\Lambda(1520)$

Modification of $\Sigma(1385)\pi$ loop

- $M \downarrow$ (1500-1490 MeV)
- $\Gamma \uparrow$ (40-70 MeV)
- $BR(\Lambda \pi\pi) \uparrow (\sim 25\%)$
- Changes for $\Sigma^*(1385)$ even stronger

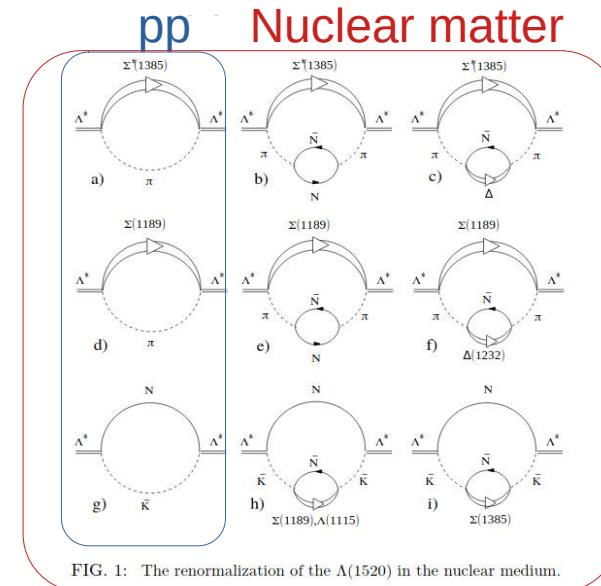
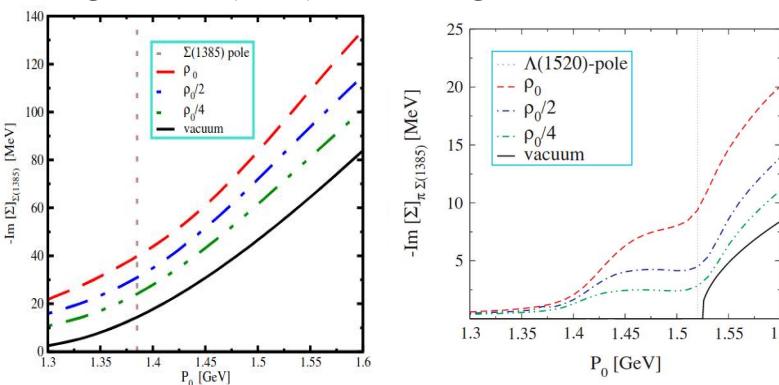


FIG. 1: The renormalization of the $\Lambda(1520)$ in the nuclear medium.

Decay $\Lambda(1520) \rightarrow \Lambda(1116)\pi^-\pi^+$ in pp and pA

- Never measured before in pp and pA reactions! Only one measurement of this decay branch in K^-p experiment (Terry S. Mast, Margaret Alston-Garnjost et. al. Phys. Rev. D 7 1973)
- Complementary channel to $\Lambda(1520) \rightarrow \Lambda(1116)e^-e^+$
- Compare to Dalitz, high BR = $6.6 \cdot 10^{-2}$

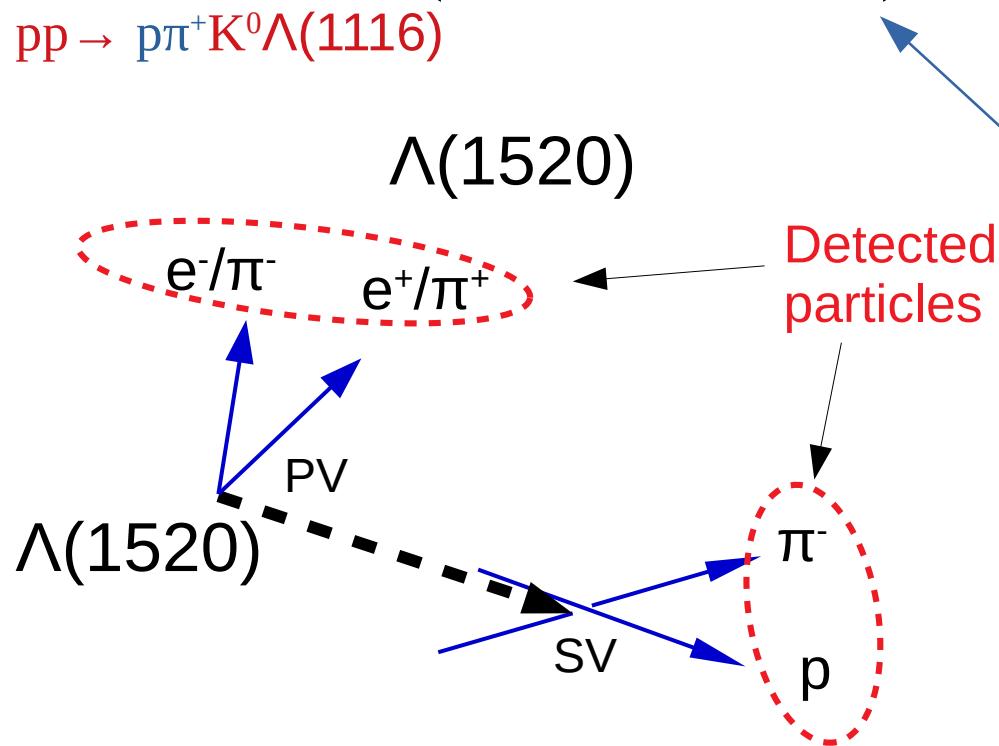
” $\Lambda(1520)$ and $\Sigma(1385)$ in the nuclear medium” Murat M. Kaskulov and E. Oset

$\Lambda(1520)$ identification in pp and pA

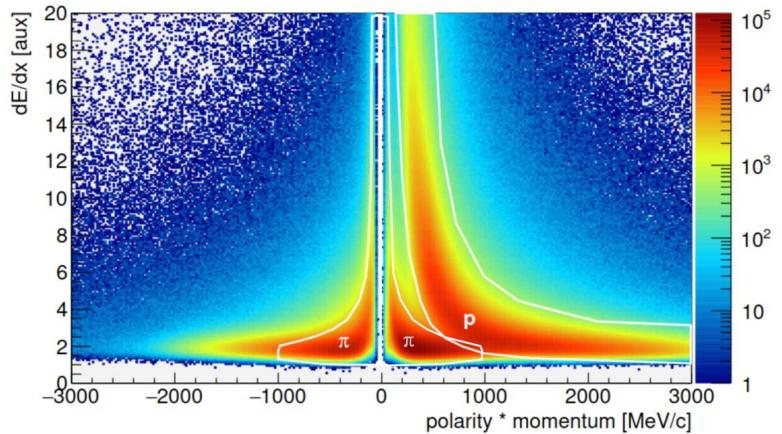
Dominant production channel



Reference channel (known cross-section)



	pp@3.5 GeV	pNb@3.5 GeV
1	$p/\pi^+/\pi^-$ identification by dE/dx	
2	$M_{p\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-}^{\text{miss}} > M_{pK^+}^{\text{inv}}$ for $\Lambda(1520)$ $M_{p\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-}^{\text{miss}} > M_{p\pi^+}^{\text{inv}}$ for $\Lambda(1116)K^0$	No cut
3	$M_{p\pi^+} < 1200 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	
4	$\Lambda(1116)$ reconstruction with neural networks	
5	$M_{\pi^+\pi^-} < 420 \text{ MeV}$ (K^0 suppression)	
6	$\Lambda(1520)$ reconstruction, $\text{PV-SV} > \text{cut}$	



Missing mass cut

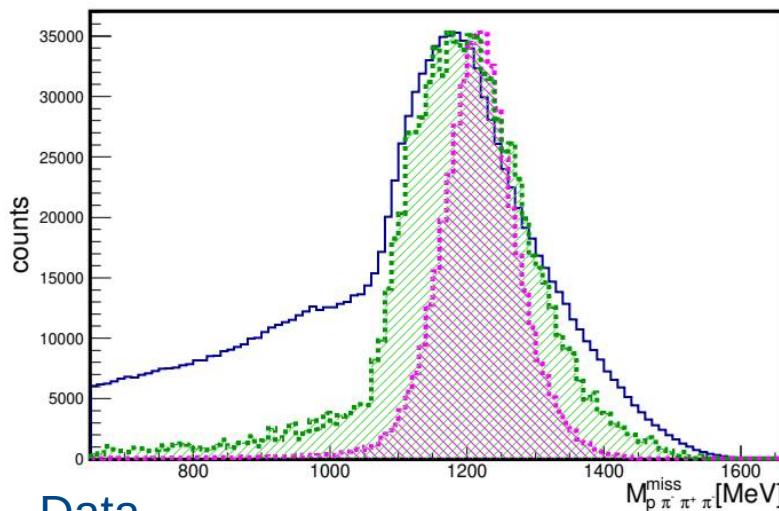
signal: $pp \rightarrow p K^+ \Lambda(1520) \rightarrow p K^+ \pi^- \pi^+ p \pi^-$

dominating background: $pp \rightarrow p \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- p \pi^-$

missing mass

detected particles

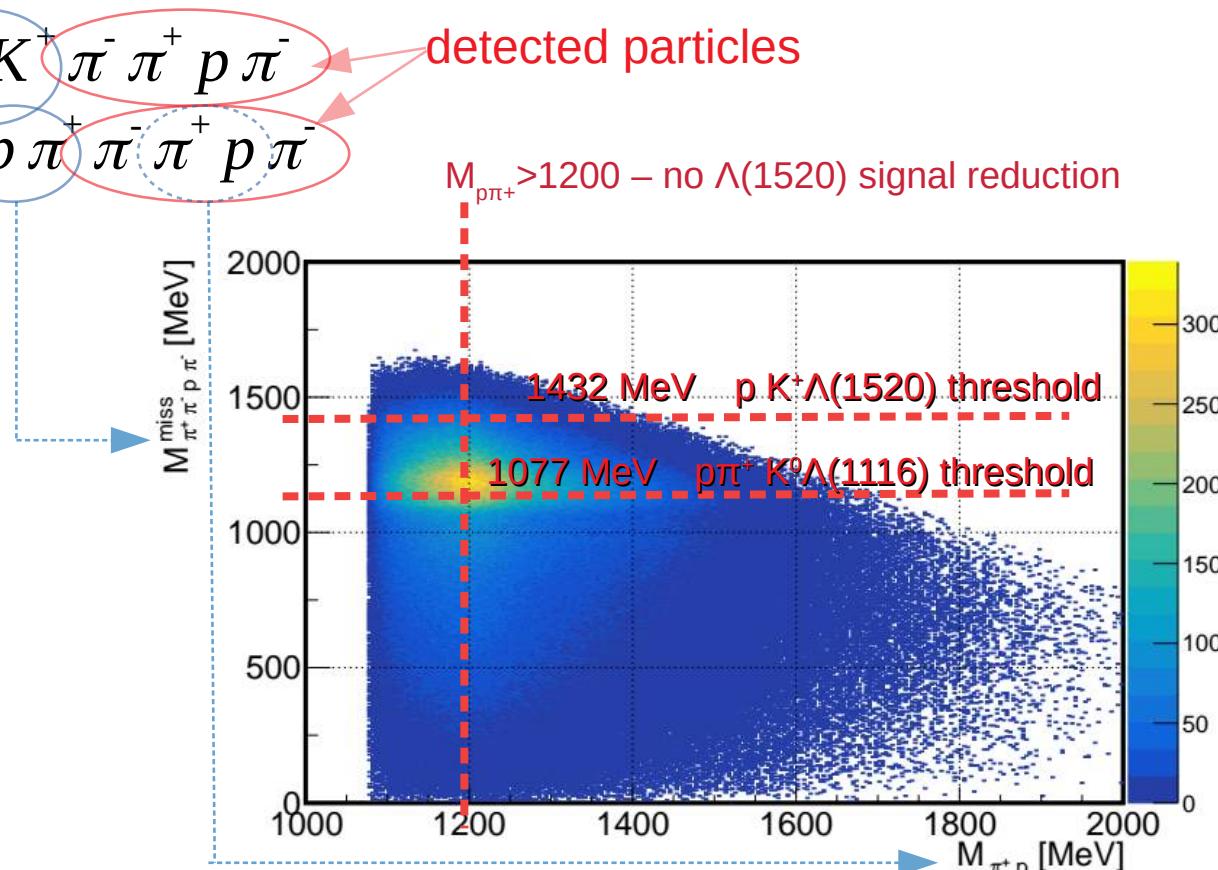
$M_{p\pi^+} > 1200$ – no $\Lambda(1520)$ signal reduction



-Data

- $p\pi^+$ from Δ^{++} decay

-any $p\pi^+$

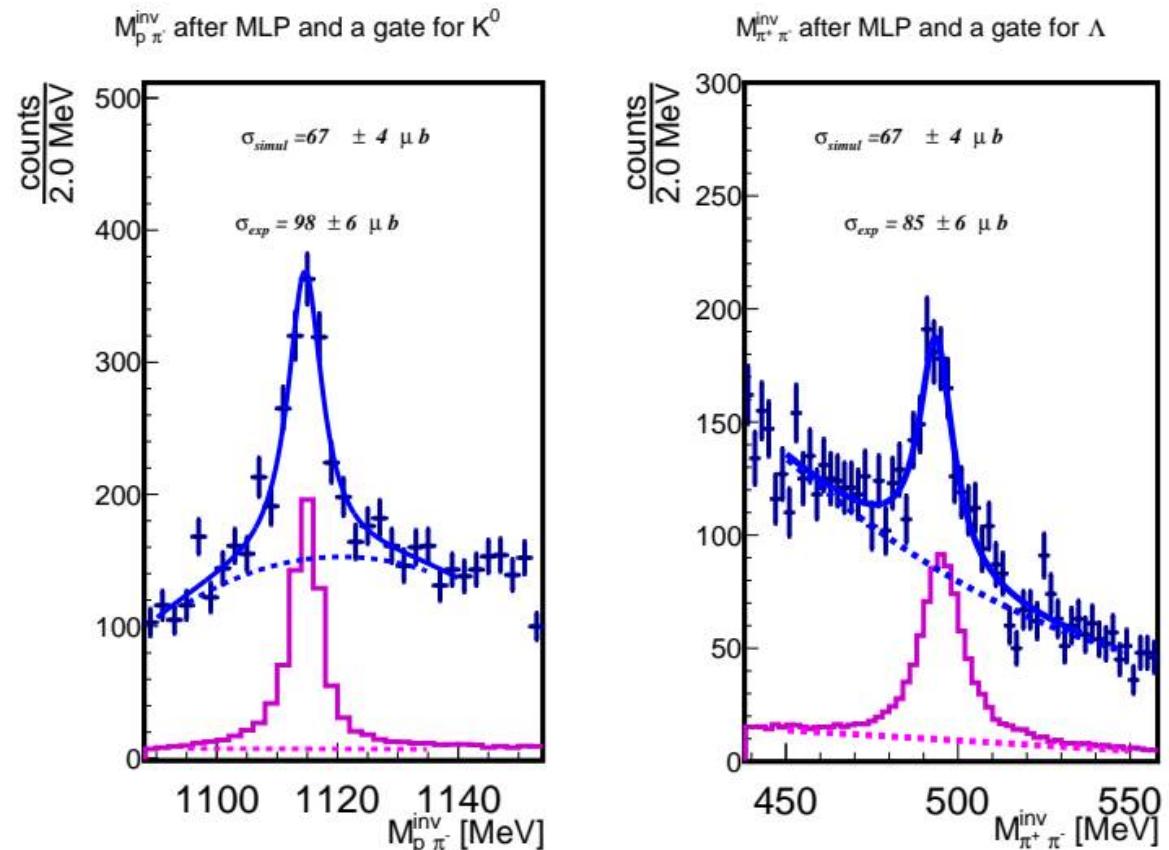


Indication for main background channel
 $pp \rightarrow N^{*+} N^{*+} \rightarrow \Delta^{++} \Delta^{++} \pi^+ \pi^-$

Reference channel: $\Lambda(1116)K^0$

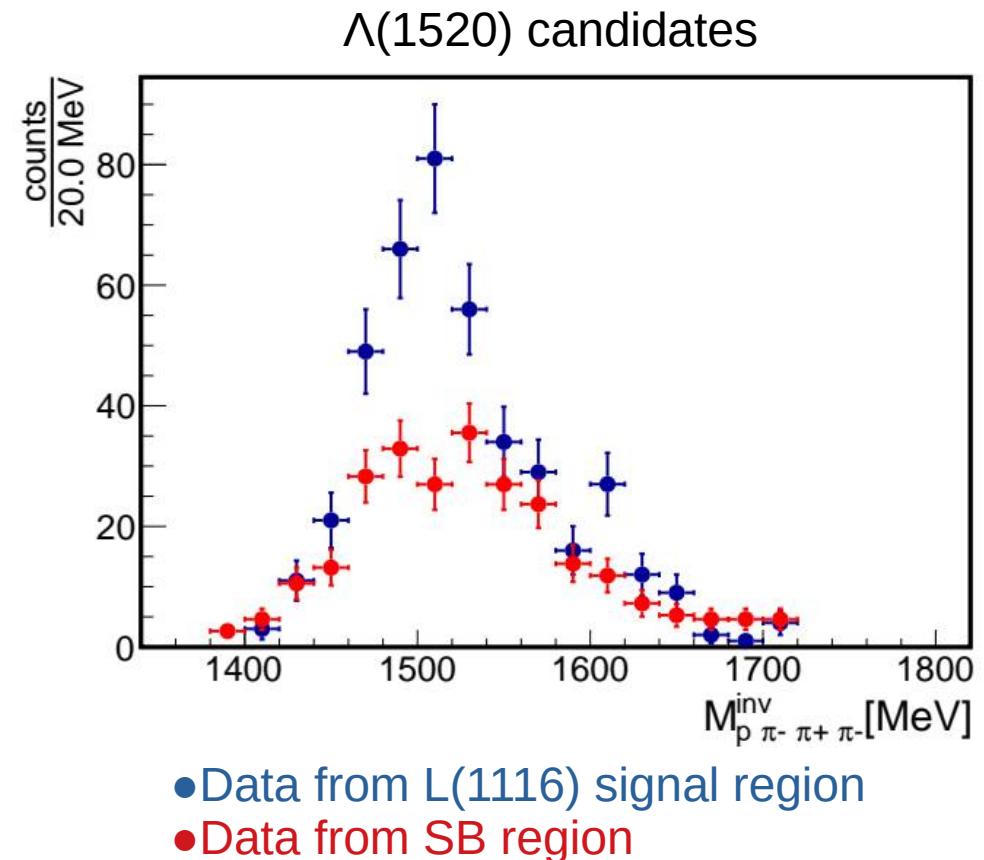
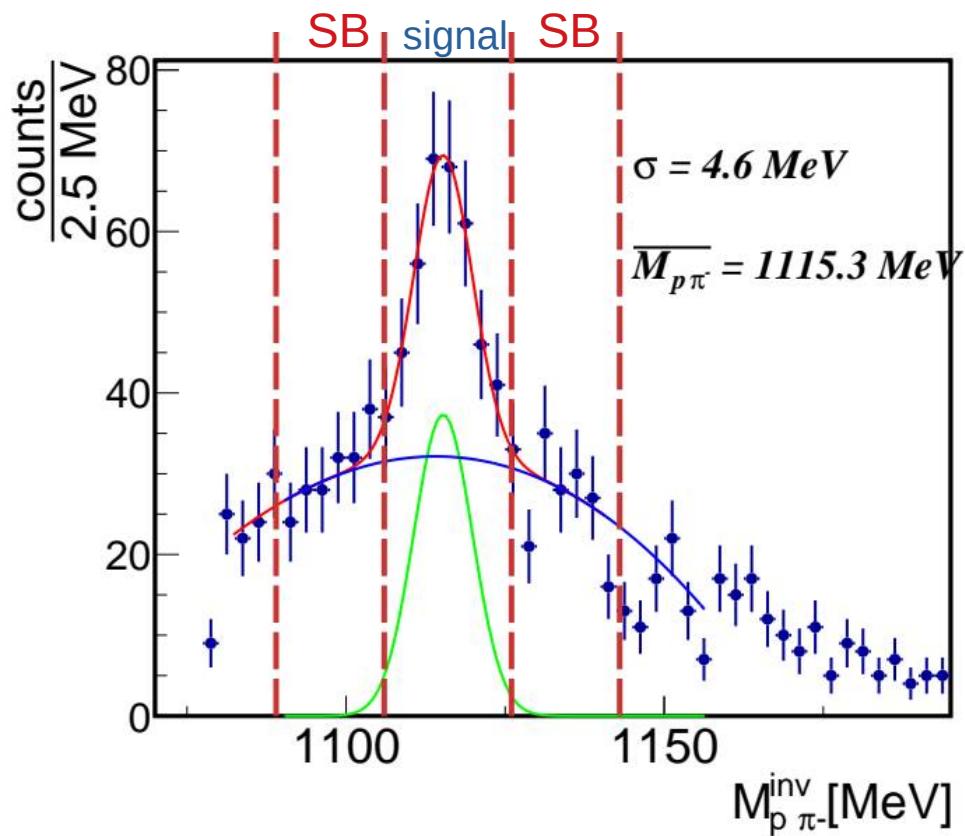
- Simulation – sum of exclusive channels measured by HADES
(Phys.Rev. C95 (2017), 015207)

$\Lambda\Delta^{++}K^0$	$29.45 \pm 0.08 \pm 1.67 \pm 2.06$
$\Sigma^0\Delta^{++}K^0$	$9.26 \pm 0.05 \pm 1.41 \pm 0.65$
$\Sigma(1385)^+ p K^0$	$14.05 \pm 0.05 \pm 1.79 \pm 1.00$
$\Delta^{++}\Lambda(1405)K^0$	$5.0 \pm 20 \%$
$\Delta^{++}\Sigma(1385)^0 K^0$	$3.5 \pm 20 \%$
$\Delta^+\Sigma(1385)^+ K^0$	$2.3 \pm 20 \%$
$\Lambda p \pi^+ K^0$	$2.57 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.21 \pm 0.18$
$\Sigma^0 p \pi^+ K^0$	$1.35 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.09$
Sum	$67.48 \mu b$

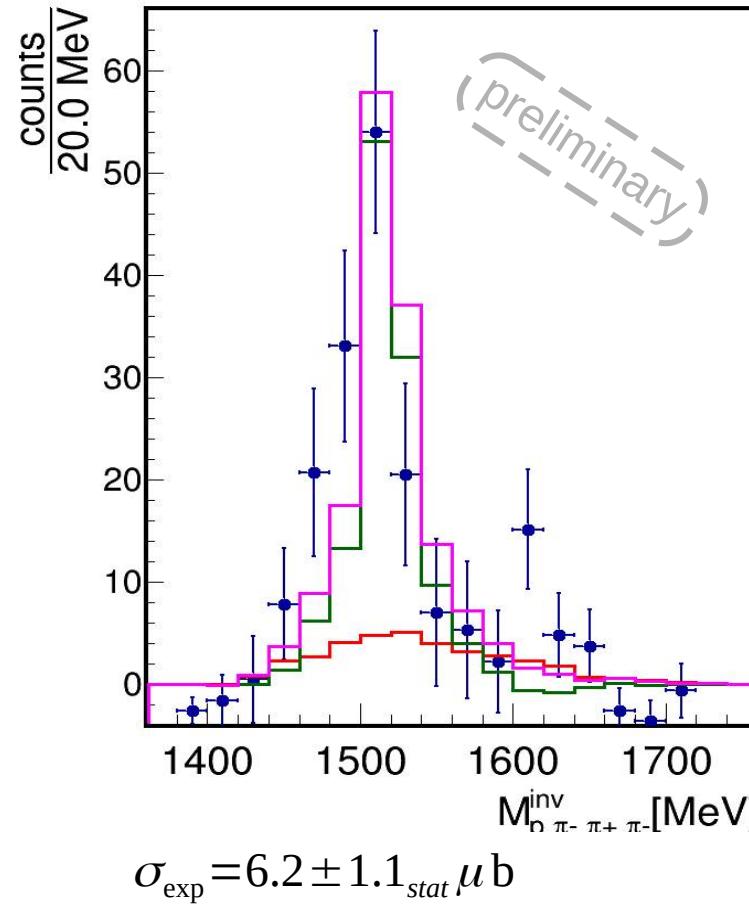


- simulated as $pp \rightarrow \Lambda^0 K^0 p \pi^+$
- Reasonable agreement (some exclusive channels missing)

$\Lambda(1520)$ candidates in pp@3.5GeV



$\Lambda(1520)$ signal in pp@3.5 GeV

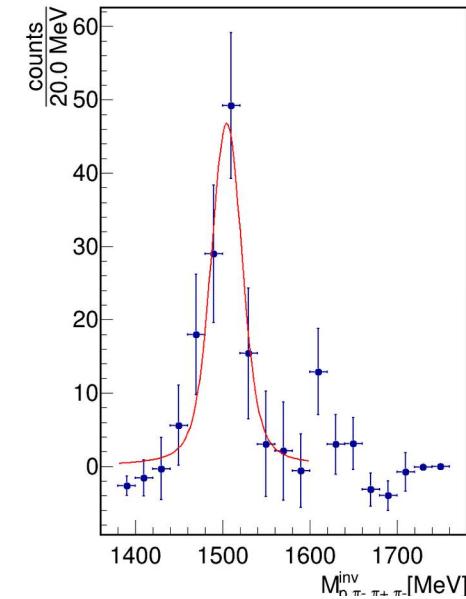


Signal and dominant non-resonant background channels tagged by Λ

pp \rightarrow pK $^+$ $\Lambda(1520)$	$6.2 \pm 1.1 \mu \text{b}$
pp \rightarrow $\Delta^{++}K^0\Lambda(1116)$	$29.45 \pm 2.06 \mu \text{b}$
pp \rightarrow pK $^0\Sigma^+(1385)$	$14.05 \pm 2.25 \mu \text{b}$
pp \rightarrow $\Delta^{++}K^0\Sigma^0(1192)$	$9.26 \pm 1.47 \mu \text{b}$

- data
- simulated signal
- simulated background
(from Phys.Rev. C95 (2017) 015207)
- simulated signal + background

After SB and background subtraction



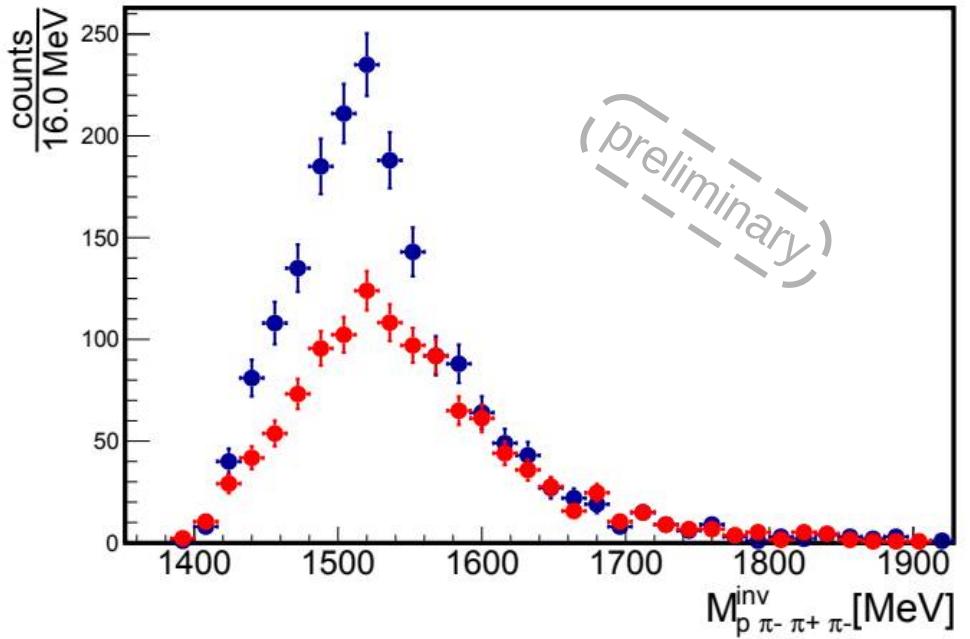
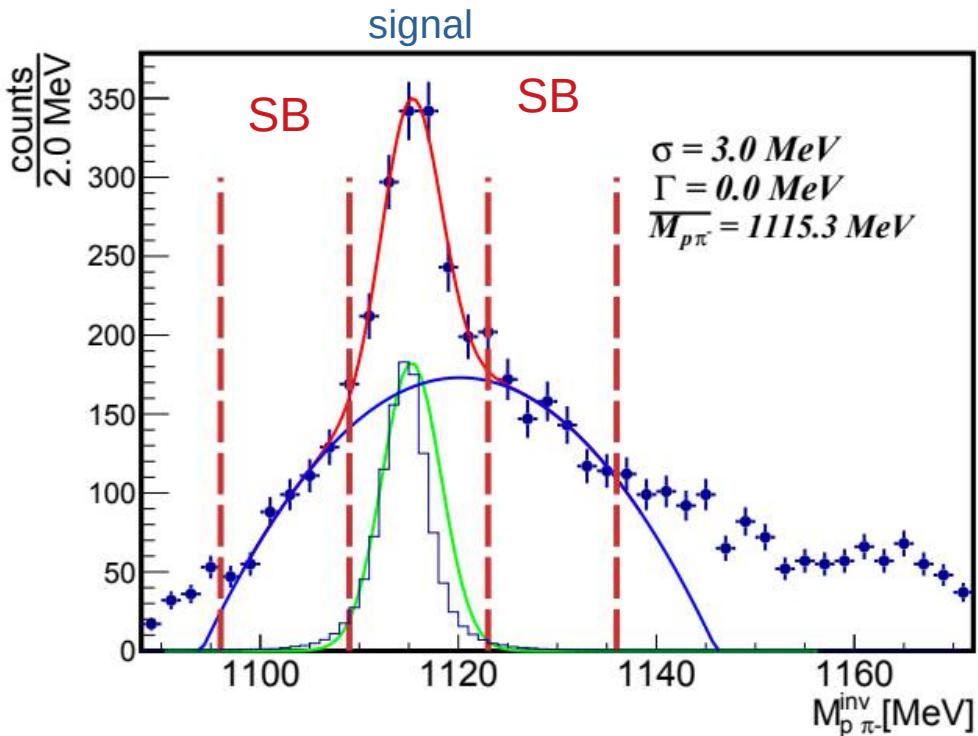
$$M_{\text{exp}}^{\Lambda(1520)} = 1504.5 \pm 4.5 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma = 15.6 \text{ MeV (PDG)}$$

$$\sigma = 14.0 \pm 6.6 \text{ MeV (res.)}$$

$\Lambda(1520)$ candidates in pNb: same cuts except missing mass

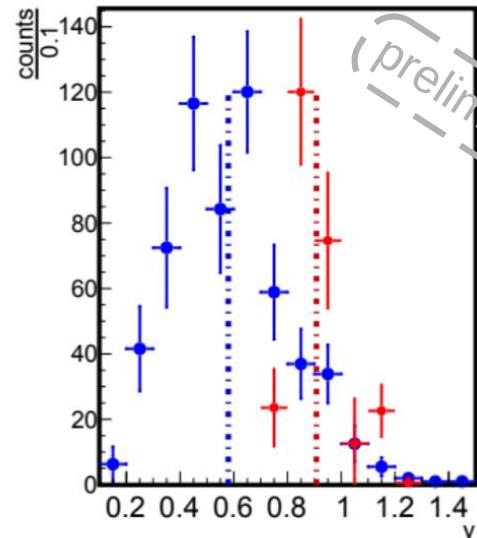
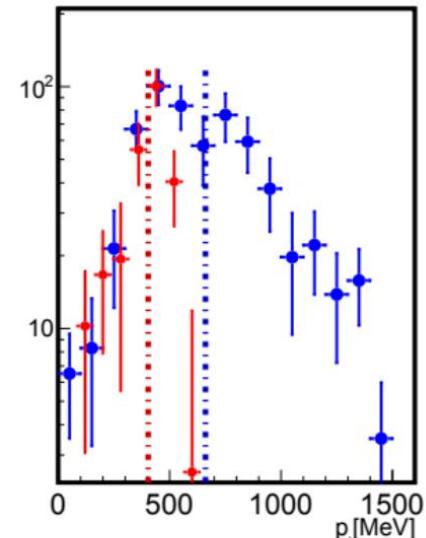
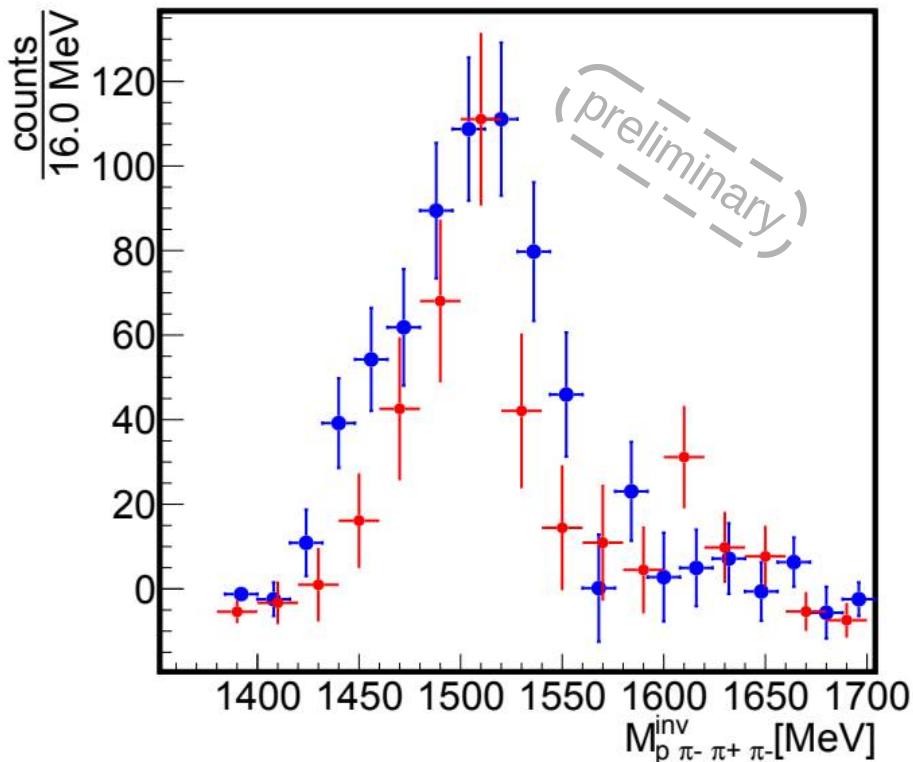
$\Lambda(1520)$ candidates



- Data from $\Lambda(1116)$ signal region
- Data from SB region

Comparison with pNb@3.5 GeV data

Normalized to the same max value

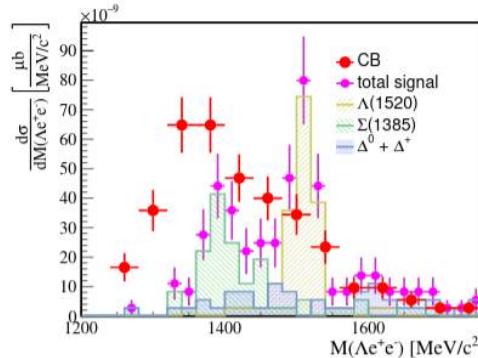
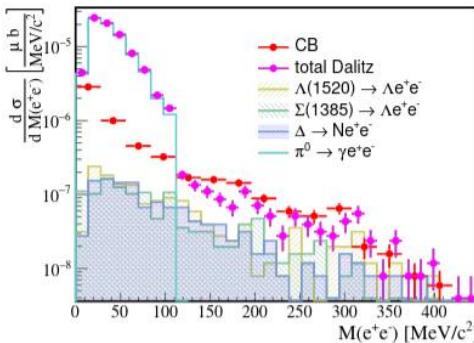


- data from pNb
 - data from pp, scaled up for comparison
 - - - Mean values for pNb distributions
 - - - Mean values for pp distributions
- In P_t : pp lower by ~ 200 MeV/c
In y : pNb lower by ~ 0.3

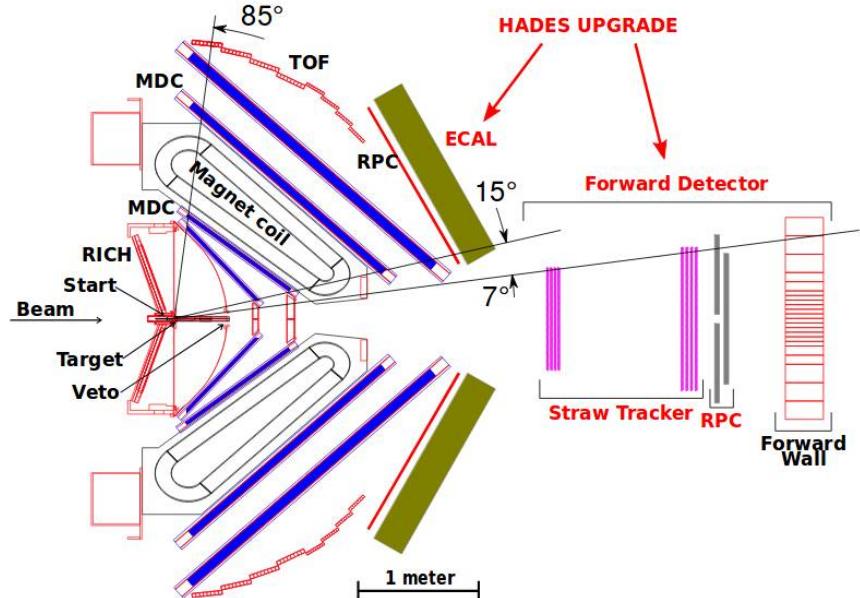
Outlook → projections for upcoming experiment

Feasibility studies for Hyperon Dalitz decays in pp@4.5 GeV

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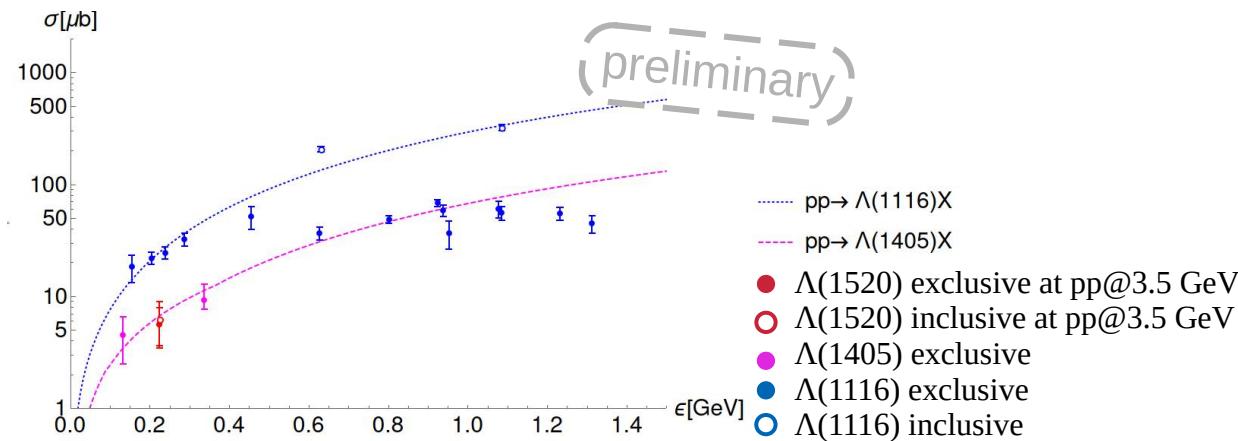
decay process	$\sigma [\mu\text{b}]$	counts/day (LH ₂)	counts/day (CH ₄)
$\Sigma(1385)^0 \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ e^-$	56	15	105
$\Lambda(1520) \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ e^-$	69	18	126
$\Lambda(1520) \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^- \pi^+$	69	2.64×10^4	1.85×10^5
$\Sigma(1385)^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma$	56	99	692
$\Lambda(1520) \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma$	69	82	574
$\Xi^- \rightarrow p \pi^- \pi^-$	3.6	2.43×10^4	1.70×10^5
$\Xi^- \rightarrow p \pi^- \pi^-$	0.35	2.43×10^3	1.70×10^4
$pp \rightarrow \Lambda \Lambda K^+ K^+$	3.6	3.15×10^3	2.20×10^4
$pp \rightarrow \Lambda \Lambda K^+ K^+$	0.35	3.15×10^2	2.20×10^3



- Large statistics expected for hadronic and radiative decay channels for $\Lambda(1520)$ and $\Sigma(1385)$
- First measurement of $\Lambda(1520)$ and $\Sigma(1385)$ Dalitz decays is feasible
- FwDet improves the HADES acceptance at forward angles – crucial for hyperons studies
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Summary

- $\Lambda(1520)$ signal reconstructed in pp and pNb data
- Inclusive $\Lambda(1520)$ production measured in pp, via $\Lambda(1520) \rightarrow \Lambda(1116)\pi^+\pi^-$, with $\sigma = 6.2 \pm 1.1 \mu\text{b}$
- $\Lambda(1520)$ signal in pNb slightly broader than in pp (In-medium modification?)
- Significant shift for p_t and rapidity distributions between pp and pNb for $\Lambda(1520)$
- No significant shift in peak position for pp and pNb data
- Hyperon program will be continued, experiment planned for 2022



Thank you for your attention!
Dziękuję za uwagę!